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**TOP SECRET****THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--14 JULY 1962****1. USSR/NUCLEAR TESTING:**

WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT YESTERDAY'S TASS STATEMENT, RESERVING FOR MOSCOW ALL RIGHTS TO THE LAST ROUND OF NUCLEAR TESTING, INDICATES THAT A NEW SERIES OF SOVIET TESTS IS IMMINENT. IT WAS PUT OUT, WE BELIEVE, WITH AN EYE TO THE REOPENING OF THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, AND IS INTENDED TO DIVEST THE USSR, IN ADVANCE, OF ANY BLAME FOR BLOCKING AN AGREEMENT. THE ESTIMATE OF OUR ABILITY TO ANTICIPATE SOVIET TESTS REMAINS UNCHANGED: WE ARE CONFIDENT OF SPOTTING PREPARATIONS FOR TESTS IN THE ARCTIC ONE TO THREE WEEKS AHEAD OF TIME, BUT CAN MAKE NO PROMISES ABOUT TESTS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED AT SEMIPALATINSK OR AT THE MISSILE TEST RANGES IN THE CENTRAL USSR.

**2. INDONESIA/WEST NEW GUINEA:**

A. SUBANDRIO WAS IN AN OPTIMISTIC MOOD ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY AGREEMENT WITH THE DUTCH WHEN HE TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR JONES YESTERDAY. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE INDONESIANS WILL OVERPLAY THEIR HAND AS SUBANDRIO ALSO INDICATED THAT DJAKARTA, ANXIOUS TO SKIP THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS, IS THINKING OF PRESSING HARD TO ARRANGE FOR A DIRECT TRANSFER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OVER WEST NEW GUINEA WITH NO INTERMEDIATE PERIOD OF UN CONTROL. WHATEVER THE INDONESIANS HAVE IN MIND, THERE IS LITTLE ROOM FOR DOUBT THAT THEY LOOK UPON THE PRESENT TALKS AS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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B. AT YESTERDAY'S OPENING SESSION, VAN ROIJEN, IN A CONCILIATORY STATEMENT, REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE CONDITION DJAKARTA GUARANTEE THAT THE PAPUANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

### 3. ALGERIA:

WITH SOUNDS OF DISCORD ALL BUT DROWNING OUT COUNCILS OF MODERATION, HOPES FOR A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE QUARRELLING FACTIONS 50X1 SEEM TO BE FADING FAST. MOREOVER, THE SPECTER OF PARTITION IS TAKING ON MORE AND MORE SUBSTANCE.

### 4. CONGO:

A. [REDACTED]

THE PROSPECTS

50X1 OF INDUCING THE UNION MINIERE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO END THE KATANGA SECESSION ARE AS DIM AS EVER. MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY'S DIRECTORSHIP WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE AMENABLE ARE, IT SEEMS, COMPLETELY BUFFALOED BY THE UNRECONSTRUCTED DIE-HARDS. THESE GENTLEMEN, UNSHAKEN IN THE BELIEF THAT A CHANGE IN POLICY WOULD LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF COMPANY INSTALLATIONS, ARE ALSO MORE AND MORE CONVINCED THAT THE ADOULA REGIME IS AN APPARITION THAT WILL SOON FADE AWAY. ABOUT THE ONLY THINGS THAT GIVE THEM PAUSE ARE THE THREAT OF A THOROUGH-GOING UN MILITARY EFFORT (WHICH THEY DO NOT THINK WILL HAPPEN) [REDACTED] 50X1

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B. IN NEW YORK, THE GHANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE IS TRYING TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE CONGO LATER THIS MONTH. SO FAR, THE ONLY PEOPLE INDICATING INTEREST ARE THE RUSSIANS.

5. LAOS:

A. THERE HAS BEEN A NOTABLE UPSURGE OF ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS ON THE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN MILITARY HEAD-QUARTERS IN HANOI AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN NORTHERN LAOS. WE ARE AS YET UNABLE TO ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS, BUT, IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THOSE FORCES, WE OUGHT TO BE GETTING CONFIRMATION OF MOVEMENTS BEFORE VERY LONG.

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B. SOVIET AIRCRAFT, PRESUMABLY ENGAGED IN FERRYING SOUVANNA'S SECURITY TROOPS, BEGAN FLYING BETWEEN THE PLAINE DES JARRES AND VIENTIANE ON THURSDAY.

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C. AS IT NOW TURNS OUT, PEIPING'S ENVOY HAS NOT YET PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, A SHOWDOWN ON THE LOCAL CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE IS DUE SHORTLY AS TAIPEI'S MAN IS ARRIVING IN VIENTIANE ON MONDAY TO MAKE ANOTHER TRY AT GETTING HIMSELF ACCREDITED. TAIPEI, MEANWHILE, HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT WILL BREAK RELATIONS WITH LAOS RATHER THAN ACCEPT A "TWO-CHINAS" ARRANGEMENT.

6. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WE HAVE TENUOUS EVIDENCE THAT THE VIET CONG IS PLANNING TO STEP UP HIT-AND-RUN RAIDS IN SAIGON'S IMMEDIATE

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ENVIRONS. BY RESORTING TO SUCH TACTICS, THE COMMUNISTS, WITH ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL DIVIDENDS IN MIND, WOULD NO DOUBT HOPE TO IMPROVE ON LAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE WHEN THEY WERE ABLE TO CUT SOUTH VIETNAM'S RICE EXPORTS AWAY BACK AS WELL AS TO REDUCE SAIGON'S FOOD STOCKS TO DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS.

B. MEANWHILE, WE ARE HEARING ONCE MORE THAT DIEM'S BROTHER NHU MAY BE GETTING READY TO GO GUNNING FOR SIHANOUK.

7. PERU:

THE POLITICAL SITUATION CONTINUES TO DRIFT AS BELAUNDE HAS FAILED SO FAR TO WORK UP VERY MUCH POPULAR SUPPORT AND THE APRISTAS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE ODRIISTAS. THERE ARE REPORTS, MEANWHILE, THAT THE MILITARY ARE GETTING UP A JUNTA TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. OUR LIMA EMBASSY THINKS THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IS NOW "ALMOST INEVITABLE."

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- B. THE UN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION WILL PROBABLY INVITE CHEDDI JAGAN, WHO IS ARRIVING IN THE US TODAY OR TOMORROW, TO AIR HIS GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE BRITISH POSTPONEMENT OF A GUIANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
- C. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT MOSCOW MAY BE LAYING THE GROUND-  
WORK FOR MILITARY EXERCISES INVOLVING SEVERAL, IF NOT ALL,  
MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT. [REDACTED]
- D. DAMASCUS, ASSERTING THAT THE RECENT FLURRY OF SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE ALONG THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN BORDER IS ALL ISRAEL'S FAULT, HAS DECIDED TO PUT ITS CASE BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
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